

# County of Santa Cruz



## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Special Meeting - Study Session

Location: Probation Success Center  
303 Water St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
and via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: In-Person – Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Elias Gonzales  
Kayla Kumar, Sandra Romero  
Via Teams – Ben Rice, David Lucio, Deutron Kebebew, Elaine Johnson,  
Kieran Kelly, Kalia Vasquez

Excused: Athena Reis

Ex Officio: Judge Denine Guy (absent), Sara Ryan (in-person)

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia (in-person), Christine Bennett (via Teams)

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Brook moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Adopt Resolution for AB361 and Approval of Agenda) as submitted; Commissioner Romero seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Gonzales, Kumar, Romero, Rice, Lucio, Kebebew,  
Johnson, Vasquez, Kelly

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Reis

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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V. GUEST AGENCY: Presentation/Study Session with Elizabeth Gong from BSCC.

- BSCC Role for Juvenile Facilities
- JJ/DPC Role for Juvenile Facilities
- BSCC Inspection Process
- JJ/DPC Juvenile Facility Inspection
- JJDPC Compliance Monitoring
- JJ/DPC Inspection Jail-Temporary Holding Facility Inspections.

Elizabeth Gong went over the topics listed above and answered questions from the Commissioners.

She again confirmed that confidential paperwork (grievances, complaints, etc.) cannot leave the Juvenile Hall; Commissioners can/must go in-person to Juvenile Hall to read the grievances and complaints.

Elizabeth Gong encouraged the JJDPC to begin meeting in person and to have a local business owner as a commissioner since Santa Cruz is a tourist town.

She suggested that the JJDPC have a designated email address so that members of the public have a way to communicate with the Commission and that the JJDPC should post information about what they are doing on their website.

She recommended that JJDPC meet with other Commissions and/or attend trainings, and noted an upcoming training in Southern California.

Elizabeth Gong stated that every Commissioner should read the latest BSCC Title 15 Inspection Report and mentioned because the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission named themselves a Delinquency Prevention Commission, it must do delinquency prevention outreach within the community. Had the JJDPC only been a Juvenile Justice Commission, this would not be required.

It was stated that the Commission has an obligation to check with local police departments annually to determine if they have held youth more than 6 hours in either secure or non-secure custody. Non-secure custody means that the youth was not allowed to leave of their own volition while there and they are not in a cell but could be next to a desk or in a chair somewhere. If held more than 6 hours in non-secure setting, the non-secure logs can and should be inspected by the Commission.

Commissioner Rice left at 5:51 p.m.

Commissioner Vasquez left at 6:23 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

### JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

**WHEREAS**, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact

the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 11, 2022, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission, held a subsequent teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, this Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16 day of August 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 12  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1  
ABSTAIN: 0

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Cynthia Druley, Chair  
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention  
Commission

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ATTEST: DocuSigned by:  
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Commission Secretary

Approved as to Form:

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*Ruby Marquez* 8/25/2022  
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